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**Testimony of Leslie Eisemann  
Appropriations Committee  
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Good Afternoon members of the Appropriations Committee. My name is Leslie Eisemann and I am beseeching you to please not make the drastic cuts that can do more harm than good. As a person in recovery who suffers with a seizure disorder, if you take away our protection on medications it will not only leave me vulnerable to constant seizures, but also cost three times as much to hospitalize a person.

I suffer from a rage, anger, and depression problem so I need my meds that are prescribed by my Doctor. Please take away the co-pays because our money will be staying the same without an increase for the next two years.

Also, speaking as someone who is disabled, but not a senior citizen, for 20 years I have been subjected to living in an elderly/disabled apartment building which is infested with mice, roaches, and bedbugs. This is totally unacceptable and no one should have to live in these conditions. Please hear me. Housing has an outrageous waiting list. Please help create more housing and do not take away our chances for a decent place to live.

Thank you.

Leslie Eisemann